

During the Memorial Day work period, I've traveled throughout Central New Jersey, meeting with residents. I honored veterans and commemorated Memorial Day in Cranbury, East Brunswick, Franklin, Hopewell, Monroe, Princeton, and South Brunswick; I met with students and teachers at three schools; and I talked with residents and small business owners in South River.

On Wednesday I attended two events in Trenton highlighting community development and job creation. I joined Housing and Urban Development Secretary Shaun Donovan, U.S. Senators Frank Lautenberg and Robert Menendez, and Trenton Mayor Doug Palmer to announce \$22 million in federal [HOPE VI](#) funding for the [Miller Homes revitalization effort](#). The existing buildings will be demolished and will be replaced with more than 300 units. The project is estimated to create approximately 120 construction jobs and 20 permanent jobs. Later, I joined Mercer County Executive Brian Hughes and other community leaders to break ground on a new [criminal courthouse](#) at South Warren and Market streets. The construction is scheduled to be completed in two years and is expected to bring in up to 300 construction jobs.